

I am against the NAB's petition 04-160. It is simply a way to stifle competition rather than improving their own product. The FCC is open to NAB technologies such as HDTV and Digital Radio, so why not a radio service via satellite? The weather and traffic services should be a wake-up call to the NAB that AM/FM stations need to step up their local presence, not kill off something that is usefull to the consumer (listener). If this petition passes than obviously the FCC isn't stepping forward in improving media, just allowing the further decay of broadcasting. The NAB cares mostly about one thing, money! And while satellite radio is also for profit, it offers a better product. I would rather pay for satellite service to inform me of weather and traffic than listen to an AM/FM broadcaster hock commercials and skimp on their product. Satellite radio broadcasting is giving competition to the radio medium, and competition beings about better things. Keep petition 04-160 from passing. Thank you.